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Mississippi Advisory Commission on Marine Resources

December 15, 2020



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Employment, Contracts and Procurement Updates

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Employment Updates

- Ellen Coffin – Marine Fisheries Scientist IV – 11.16.20
- James Davis – Coastal Preserves Bureau Director – 11.16.20
- Katherine Glover – Marine Fisheries Scientist IV – 12.01.20
- Michael Strickland – Captain – 12.01.20

Contracts and Procurements

- No New Contracts or Procurements



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Actions Update December 15, 2020

Actions Update – November Meeting

- The following actions were recommended by the Commission:
 1. Approval of the MDEQ's request for permit extension for previously permitted project consisting of 46 acres of marsh creation and 5.9 miles of breakwater in Heron Bay.
 - Commission recommended approval.
 - Director approved the request.



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NO WAKE ZONE PROPOSAL

Simmons Bayou
OCEAN SPRINGS, MS



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Staff Recommendation

- The Office of Marine Patrol recommends the establishment of a No Wake Zone for the specified location, based upon the proximity of the channel in relation to piers in which people fish, boat and socialize.



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Mississippi Department of Marine Resources

Agency Financial Results
as of November 30, 2020

Key Metrics:

- State Revenue of \$3.7M
- Agency Revenue of \$12.9M
- State Net Income of \$1.2M
- Agency Net Income of \$3.6M

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES
Income Statement - Fiscal Year 2021
As of November 30, 2020

	State	Federal : GOMESA PHII: NFWF:	Operating Subtotal	Tidelands	Total DMR
Revenue:					
Transfer in from Other Governments	-	-	-	-	-
Off-road Fuel Tax	3,050,000	-	3,050,000	-	3,050,000
Federal/NonFederal Grants	-	1,351,173	1,351,173	-	1,351,173
Sales Revenue	461,092	-	461,092	-	461,092
Indirect Cost Recovery	159,206	-	159,206	-	159,206
Other Revenue	45,326	450,581	495,907	7,430,756	7,926,662
Current Budget Year Revenue:	3,715,624	1,801,754	5,517,378	7,430,756	12,948,133
Expenditures:					
Salaries, Wages, Fringe	2,077,492	1,127,898	3,205,390	387,881	3,593,271
Travel	2,353	-	2,353	-	2,353
Contractual Services	256,546	462,186	718,732	126,142	844,874
Commodities	94,178	66,768	160,946	11,275	172,221
Other than Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	1,980	22,311	24,291	-	24,291
Vehicles	-	-	-	-	-
Wireless Devices	-	-	-	-	-
Subsidies, Loans, and Grants	(745)	2,721,514	2,720,769	1,914,020	4,634,789
STATEXP	-	-	-	-	-
Current Budget Year Expenditures:	2,431,804	4,400,677	6,832,481	2,439,318	9,271,799
Current Budget Year Net Income/(Loss):	\$ 1,283,820	\$ (2,598,924)	\$ (1,315,104)	\$ 4,991,438	\$ 3,676,334

Financial Budget Comparison

- After five months of Fiscal Year 2021:

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES
2021 Budget Comparison
As of November 30, 2020

	<i>Actual Year to Date Expenditures</i>			<i>Budget Year Totals</i>			<i>Percent Remaining</i>		
	Operating	Tidelands	Total	Operating	Tidelands	Total	Operating	Tidelands	Total
Expenditures:									
Salaries, Wages, Fringe	\$ 3,205,390	\$ 387,881	\$ 3,593,271	\$ 10,608,904	\$ 1,259,291	\$ 11,868,195	69.8%	69.2%	69.7%
Travel	2,353	-	2,353	164,806	25,000	189,806	98.6%	100.0%	98.8%
Contractual Services	718,732	126,142	844,874	7,332,714	1,651,000	8,983,714	90.2%	92.4%	90.6%
Commodities	160,946	11,275	172,221	2,966,274	360,000	3,326,274	94.6%	96.9%	94.8%
Other than Equipment	-	-	-	-	75,000	75,000	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Equipment	24,291	-	24,291	527,729	-	527,729	95.4%	0.0%	95.4%
Vehicles	-	-	-	30,000	-	30,000	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Wireless Devices	-	-	-	3,750	-	3,750	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Subsidies, Loans, and Grants	2,720,769	1,914,020	4,634,789	30,165,854	3,978,986	34,144,840	91.0%	51.9%	86.4%
Total Expenditures:	\$ 6,832,481	\$ 2,439,318	\$ 9,271,799	\$ 51,800,031	\$ 7,349,277	\$ 59,149,308	86.8%	66.8%	84.3%

- Operating Funds have 86.8% of Budget remaining
- Tidelands Trust Fund has 66.8% of Budget remaining



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2021 Vessel-Borne Crab Trap Removal Program

Jason Saucier
December 15, 2020

Previous MDMR Derelict Trap Removal and Recycling Efforts



CLEAN UP YEAR	TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAPS
1999-2002	2,447
2003*	1,818
2004*	856
2007*	11,150
2008*	1,259
2009*	438
2010*	431
2011	108
2012	122
2013*	281
2014	14
2015	78
2016*	2,542
2017	85
2018	42
2019*	267
2020	6
Total	21,944

* Volunteer clean up event occurred

Proposed Closure Dates and Clean-up Logistics

- Proposed crab trap closure for all territorial waters within one-half mile of the mainland shoreline for 10 days between January 15th and February 15th
- Crab fishermen would have first seven days of closure to remove their own traps from the closure areas
- Derelict trap removal would be allowed during the last 3 days of the 10-day closure
- Clean-up will be open to volunteers from the general public
- All licensed crab fishermen will be notified ahead of closure by postcard mail-outs, legal notice and press release
- Trap drop-off sites will be located at same sites as previous clean-ups – Bayou Caddy, Ocean Springs Harbor, and Pascagoula Point Park
- All recovered traps will be recycled



2021 Mississippi Derelict Crab Trap Removal Program



Required:

To advise the Executive Director to establish a closed season for the use of crab traps in the public waters of this state for the purpose of conducting a derelict crab trap clean-up for 10 days between January 15th and February 15th, 2021.



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State Saltwater Finfish Record

Jonathan Barr
December 15, 2020

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Saltwater Fishing Record (All Tackle)

Striped Mullet *Mugil cephalus*

Old Record: 4 lbs. 4.77 oz.

New Record: 5 lbs. 6.95 oz.

Angler: Joey Besancon Sr.



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